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SUBJ: BREZHNEV STARTS VISIT WITH MONOLOGUE

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1. BREZHNEV LAUNCHED CONVERSATIONS WITH GISCARD AFTER-NOON JUNE 20 BY REQUESTING THAT PLANNED TETE-A-TETE BE TRANSFORMED INTO MEETING ATTENDED BY FONMINS DE GUIRINGAUD AND GROMYKO, MINISTERS OF FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMERCE ROSSI AND PATOLICHEV, AMBASSADORS DE LEUSSE AND TCHERVONENKO, AS WELL AS PRESS SPOKESMAN LECAT AND ZAMIATINE. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO TWO HOUR MONOLOGUE (COUNTING TRANSLATION) REITERATING WHAT FRENCH SOURCES TELL PRESS WERE "WELL-KNOWN" SOVIET VIEWS.

2. SOVIET PRESS SPOKESMAN ZAMIATINE PARTICULARLY NOTED

BREZHNEV'S EMPHASIS ON DETENTE AND HIS DESIRE THAT FRANCE "DO" SOMETHING IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD. "THAT DOES NOT MEAN" BREZHNEV IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT "WE WANT TO WEAKEN FRANCE. I TOLD POMPIDOU IN 1973 ALREADY THAT WE WANT TO SEE A STRONG AND INDEPENDENT FRANCE, BUT ONE WHICH PARTICIPATES MORE ACTIVELY IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS." OTHER THEMES ARE SAID TO HAVE INCLUDED THE USSR'S PEACEFUL AND DEFENSIVE INTEN-TIONS: CSCE, REGARDING WHICH BREZHNEV UNDERSCORED, AND AT LEAST HAD HIS PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCE THAT THE USSR WAS THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH HAD INCLUDED THE TEN HELSINKI PRINCIPLES IN ITS CONSTITUTION; AND NON-PROLIFERATION. "NO STATE 'HE REPORTEDLY SAID' SHOULD HAVE A MONOPOLY ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN THE INTEREST OF ALL." HAVING USED UP MOST OF THE SCHEDULED TIME HE LEFT GISCARD LESS THAN FORTY MINUTES (WITH TRANSLATIONS) TO RESPOND. APPARENTLY, IT WAS NOT THE INTIMATE EXCHANGE SOME HAD FORESEEN.

3. TUESDAY MORNING'S SESSION WAS MORE
LIVELY. ZAMIATINE ANNOUNCED AFTERWARDS THAT BREZHNEV
HAD COMPLAINED BLUNTLY ABOUT THE NEW MERY DOCTRINE,
HAD TALKED ABOUT THE "FORWARD BATTLE" AND THE INCREASED
FRENCH PRESENCE IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. BREZHNEV
ASKED "WHO IS THIS BATTLE DIRECTED AGAINST?" GISCARD
RESPONDED BY RECALLING FRANCE'S INDEPENDENT DEFENSE
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STRATEGY SINCE DE GAULLE. IN SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE ON DISARMAMENT GISCARD AGAIN REITERATED THAT "FRANCE'S WILL TOWARD DISARMAMENT CANNOT BE QUESTIONED, BUT THAT

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THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CANNOT GO BEYOND A MINIMUM LEVEL OF SECURITY."

- 4. GISCARD ALSO USED SECOND MEETING TO SKETCH OUT FOR BREZHNEV FOUR MAJOR CONDITIONS WHICH SHOULD CHARACTERIZE DETENTE:
 - --MODERATION IN IDEOLOGICAL COMPETITION;
 - --RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND FUNDAMENTAL

LIBERTIES;

- --NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES:
- --AND RECOGNITION THAT DOCTRINE (OF DETENTE) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD APPLY TO ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.
FRENCH GAVE PRINCIPLES MAJOR PUBLICITY IN PRESS. IN
ADDITION THERE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DISCUSSION OF US
FOREIGN POLICY, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA.

- 5. TUESDAY AFTERNOON BREZHNEV LAID WREATH AT ARC DE TRIOMPHE; WENT TO A FRANCO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP RECEPTION AT NEW SOVIET EMBASSY WHERE HE EXPECTED TO MEET NUMBER OF FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS, INCLUDING PCF DEPUTY AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LOUIS BAILLOT; AND THEN CALLED ON CHIRAC AT CITY HALL--A CALL INSERTED ALMOST AT LAST MINUTE AT SOVIET REQUEST.
- 6. AS FOR PCF, IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THERE
 WILL BE NO REPEAT NO MEETING WITH MARCHAIS, AS MARCHAIS
 HIMSELF HAS JUST CONFIRMED IN A PRESS STATEMENT. "SUCH

A MEETING" MARCHAIS SAID "IS NOT OBLIGATORY EVERY TIME BREZHNEV COMES TO PARIS." GAMMON

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